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SUBJECT: CABINDAN POLITICIAN VIEWS ANGOLA'S FUTURE

1. DURING FAREWELL CALL ON SECRETARY OF STATE (WITHOUT PORTFOLIO) JOSE PINHEIRO DA SILVA JULY 29, HE EXPRESSED PESSIMISM ABOUT ANGOLA'S FUTURE UNDER MPLA AND ASKED ABOUT US POSITION RE CABINDA.

2. PINHEIRO DA SILVA CLAIMED HE HAS "CONSIDERABLE" SUPPORT FROM BLACKS AND WHITES IN CABINDA (HE IS DARK MESTIZO) MAJORITY OF WHOM WOULD FOLLOW HIS LEADERSHIP AND IF HE SAYS SO, AGREE TO REMAINING PART OF ANGOLA. ALTHOUGH HE FEELS THIS IS ONLY SENSIBLE SOLUTION, HE SEES NOTHING BUT TROUBLED TIMES AHEAD FOR ANGOLA. HE ALSO ASSUMES HE WILL BE OUT OF A JOB ANY MOMENT, SINCE BOTH ANGOLAN AND PORTUGUESE JUNTAS ARE "CONTROLLED" BY EXTREME LEFTISTS, "JUST LIKE MPLA."

3. HE MOST CRITICAL OF ANGOLAN WHITES AND MESTIZOS, WHO HE SAID "WILL LOSE EVERYTHING" WHEN (NOT IF) MPLA TAKES OVER. THEY COULD HAVE SEIZED INITIATIVE, AND WON SUPPORT FROM BOTH NORTHERN (INCLUDING CABINDAN) AND SOUTHERN BLACKS, AGAINST MPLA HEARTLAND

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WHICH HE INSISTED IS ONLY WITHIN LUANDA. BUT "NOW IT IS TOO

LATE."

4. INDIRECTLY, HE CONFIRMED APPROACHES TO HIM BY PCDA AND UNA (LUANDA 0627), BUT DISCOUNTED THESE AND SIMILAR GROUPINGS AS "WITHOUT POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OR FOLLOWING." ASKED ABOUT UNITA HE BRIGHTENED MOMENTARILY, SAID UNITA WAS ANGOLA'S ONLY HOPE. THEN HE SUNK BACK INTO DESPONDENCY AND SAID AGAIN: "IT IS TOO LATE." HE ALSO SAID HE ANTICIPATED BLOODBATH WHEN VARIOUS GROUPS (INCLUDING WHITE EXTREMISTS) SEE WHAT JUNTA HAS IN MIND.

5. PINHEIRO DA SILVA ASKED WHAT USG POSITION ON CABINDA MIGHT BE. I TOLD HIM I DOUBTED USG HAD DEVELOPED ANY SEPARATE POSITION, BUT ASSUMED CABINDA WOULD REMAIN PART OF ANGOLA.

6. COMMENT: ANOTHER BEATEN MAN - HARDLY SEEMS THE TYPE TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN ANTI-PORTUGUESE/ANTI-MPLA REBELLION. BRIGGS

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